

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A contents distribution system for distributing contents to clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of owning two or more clients, and each client legally uses the contents in compliance with an acquired license, said contents distribution system comprising:

registration means for registering each client of the user and acquiring customer-related information;

customer-related information management means for managing customer-related information;

contents supply means for supplying contents to a client in compliance with a request from the client;

license supply means for supplying, in compliance with a request from a client, a license for contents acquired from said contents supply means to the client who has acquired the contents; and

contents copy certificate supply means for generating a contents copy certificate that contains a license for a move destination client, and supplying [[a]] the contents copy certificate, which also indicates a contents move from one client of the user to an other is legal, to [[a]] the move source client.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~contents~~ move source client and the ~~contents~~ move destination client are registered with different license supply means so that each license supply means supplies its

own public key to the registered client, and wherein said contents copy certificate supply means electronically signs the contents copy certificate with a secret key of a license supply means with which the contents move destination client is registered.

4. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said contents copy certificate supply means acquires a license ID concerning the contents to be moved and [[the]] a client ID of a move destination client from said contents move source client, sends an inquiry to said customer-related information management means to verify that the move source client is legal, and that the move source client has already acquired a license for the contents to be moved, and further that the user owning the move source client actually owns the move destination client, and then supplies a contents copy certificate.

5. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said customer-related information management means manages a table defining the association between leaf IDs and client IDs, a table defining the association between client IDs and client public key certificates, a table defining the association between client IDs and user IDs, a table defining the association between contents IDs and license IDs, a table defining the association between user IDs and contents IDs of downloaded contents, a table defining the association between user IDs and license IDs of downloaded licenses, and a history of contents copy certificate issues.

6. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said customer-related information management means updates the customer-related information

each time said contents supply means supplies contents to a client and/or each time said license supply means supplies a license to a client.

7. (Original) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, further comprising billing process means for performing a billing process on a client in accordance with a license supply and/or a contents copy certificate supply to the client.

8. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 7 [[5]], wherein the amount billed by said billing process means for a license supply differs from the amount billed for a contents copy certificate supply.

9-13. (Canceled)

14. (New) A contents distribution server for distributing contents to clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of owning two or more clients, said contents distribution server comprising:

    a processor configured to register each client of the user and acquire customer-related information;

    a memory configured to manage customer-related information;

    a processor configured to supply contents to a client in compliance with a request from the client;

    the network interface configured to supply, in compliance with a request from a client, a license for contents to the client who has acquired the contents;

    a processor configured to generate a contents copy certificate that contains a license for a move destination client, and

the network interface configured to supply the contents copy certificate, which also indicates a contents move from one client of the user to an other is legal, to the move source client.

15. (New) A contents distribution method for distributing contents to clients of a user, wherein the user is capable of owning two or more clients, the method comprising:

- registering each client of the user and acquiring customer-related information;
- managing customer-related information;
- supplying contents to a client in compliance with a request from the client;
- supplying, in compliance with a request from a client, a license for said contents to the client who has acquired the contents;
- generating a contents copy certificate that contains a license for a move destination client; and

supplying the contents copy certificate, which also indicates a contents move from one client of the user to an other is legal, to the move source client.